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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT 29TH GA

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1. I SAW FONOFF PERMSEC RUDY COLLINS 1430 OCTOBER 8 TO MAKE DEMARCHE PER REFTELS. I LEFT WITH HIM TEXT OF AWG RESOLUTION, MAKING CLEAR THAT INITIATIVE EMANATED FROM ASIAN NEIGHBORS AND USG IN SUPPORTING ROLE, BUT THAT ABSENCE OF SPONSORING COUNTRY MISSIONS IN GEORGETOWN HAD DICTATED USG MAKE INITIAL APPROACH. I ALSO WENT OVER PROCEDURAL GROUND AND BESOUGHT GOG VOTES AS PER REFTEL A.

2. COLLINS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD USG POSITION AND ROLE, AS WELL AS UNDERLYING THRUST OF ENCOURAGING PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ACTION TO SEAT GRUNK MIGHT MAKE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT AND PROLONG CONFLICT. HOWEVER, HE ASKED "WHAT ABOUT COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED GRUNK?" (E.
G. GUYANA). I SAID I THOUGHT THERE WAS LOGICAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN BILATERAL ACT OF RECOGNITION AND REPRESENTATION IN UN, WHICH WAS HELD BY GRK BEFORE DISPUTE, AND NOTED AGAIN THAT SEATING GRUNK WOULD HARDLY CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS ON THE SCENE,
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WHERE THE SUFFERING CONTINUED. I STRESSED GKR OFFER OF JULY 9 TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS.

3. COLLINS SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH FONMIN RAMPHAL, WHO IS STILL AT UNGA AND PLANS TO REMAIN UNTIL OCTOBER 20. HE SAID RAMPHAL HAD NOT MENTIONED KHMER ISSUE IN RECENT ELECONS FROM NEW YORK, PROBABLY SINCE HE WAS SO HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CAMPAIGN FOR UNSC SEAT. I CONGRATULATED COLLINS ON ENDORSEMENT BY LA CAUCUS.

4. FOREGOING SUGGESTS THAT BEST POINT OF APPROACH IS TO RAMPHAL IN NEW YORK. OUR GUESS IS THAT ONLY RAMPHAL CAN MAKE DECISION HIM-SELF OR CONVINCE PM BURNHAM TO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS GOG VOTING PATTERN ON KHMER ISSUE, WHICH HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT GRUNK. KREBS

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